

FLOOR RACK FOR HOLDING A PAPER TOWEL ROLL AND THE LIKE

RELATED U.S. APPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT

Not applicable.

REFERENCE TO MICROFICHE APPENDIX

Not applicable.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to a floor rack for holding paper towel rolls. The floor rack is provided with means to hold a standby paper towel roll.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] As shown in FIG. 7, a floor rack of the prior art comprises a base 50, an upright support post 51, and a paper towel holder 52. Such a prior art floor rack as described above is defective in design in that it is not provided with means to hold a paper towel roll which can be put into service on an emergency basis.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0003] The primary objective of the present invention is to provide a floor rack for holding paper towel rolls. The floor rack comprises a first holder and a second holder. The first holder is used to hold a paper towel roll ready to serve, while the second holder is used to hold a standby paper towel roll.

[0004] The features and the advantages of the present invention will be more readily understood upon a thoughtful deliberation of the following detailed description of the preferred embodiments of the present invention with reference to the accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

[0005] FIG. 1 shows a perspective view of a first preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0006] FIG. 2 shows a perspective view of the first preferred embodiment of the present invention at work.

[0007] FIG. 3 shows a partial exploded view of a second preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0008] FIG. 4 shows a perspective view of the second preferred embodiment of the present invention in combination.

[0009] FIG. 5 shows a sectional schematic view of the second holder and a portion of the upright support post of the second preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[0010] FIG. 6 shows a perspective view of the second preferred embodiment of the present invention at work.

[0011] FIG. 7 shows a perspective view of a prior art floor rack for holding paper towel roll.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0012] As shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, a floor rack 10 embodied in the present invention comprises a base 11, a support post 12 extending uprightly from the base 11, a first holder 20 for holding a paper towel roll 45 ready to serve, and a second holder 30 for holding a standby paper towel roll 46.

[0013] The first holder 20 is formed of a fastening portion 21, a support frame 22, and a holding rod 23 for holding a paper towel roll 45. The fastening portion 21 is fastened with a top end of the support post 12.

[0014] The second holder 30 has a fastening arm 31 and a holding arm 32 extending from the fastening arm 31 such that the holding arm 32 is perpendicular to the fastening arm 31. The fastening arm 31 is fastened at one end by welding to a lower segment of the upright support post 12. The holding arm 32 is used to hold the standby paper towel roll 46.

[0015] As shown in FIGS. 3-6, the present invention comprises a second holder 40 which is detachably fastened at one end to the lower segment of the upright support post 12. The second holder 40 has a fastening arm 41 and a holding arm 42. The fastening arm 41 is provided with a locating portion 43, which is located in the hollow interior of the upright support post 12 via a through hole 44 located in the lower segment of the upright support post 12, as illustrated in FIG. 5. The locating portion 43 of the fastening arm 41 is removably located in the hollow interior of the upright support post 12. The holding arm 42 is used to hold the standby paper towel roll 46.

[0016] The embodiments of the present invention described above are to be regarded in all respects as being illustrative and nonrestrictive. Accordingly, the present invention may be embodied in other

specific forms without deviating from the spirit thereof. The present invention is therefore to be limited only by the scope of the following claims.